

LINCOLN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

DECEMBER 11, 2007

APPROVED

The regular meeting of the Lincoln Redevelopment Agency was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at the Lincoln Town Hall, 100 Old River Road, Lincoln, Rhode Island.

Being that this was the first meeting of the newly enacted Lincoln Redevelopment Agency (LRA), no agency officers were elected yet. Therefore, this first meeting of the agency was called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM by Town Planner Albert V. Ranaldi, Jr. The following members were present: Timothy McMahon, Robert Kay, Denise Panichas, Claude Cote, Raymond Trabulsi, Richard Clegg, and Elizabeth Robinson. Also in attendance was Town Planner Albert Ranaldi who also kept the minutes.

Mr. Ranaldi advised that seven members were present; have quorum.

Mr. Ranaldi welcomed the members to the first LRA meeting. He also presented the scope of work for the EPA grant that he recently submitted. He explained that the Town of Lincoln applied for a Site-Specific Assessment Grant to perform Phase I and Phase II site assessment activities at the Lonsdale Bleachery Complex. The Town proposed to perform extensive assessment activities across the entire 26-acre complex to quantify the suspected hazardous

substances, pollutants, or contaminants that exist at the site due to historical site use. Completing these assessment activities is the critical step necessary to commence implementation of the Lonsdale Bleachery Redevelopment Plan.

Ms. Panichas explained that she does grant writing and that there is special federal legislation included in the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor act that requires any federal entities to support activities directly affecting the Corridor. Being that the Lonsdale Bleachery is located within the Corridor; the EPA should pay special attention to the recently submitted application. The members discussed who in the Town should write and submit a letter to our federal representatives. It was determined that Mr. Ranaldi will write a draft and submit it under the Town Administrator's letterhead. A draft of this letter will be reviewed by the LRA.

A member of the LRA asked to see a copy of the executive session of the joint meeting of the Town Council and the LRA. Mr. Ranaldi said he will see if a copy can be released to the agency. He is not sure if the record can be released considering it was held in executive session.

Mr. Ranaldi explained that the members of the LRA should elect officers according to the by-laws. Members discussed the process. Claude Cote was elected Chairman by a unanimous vote of the members. Elizabeth Robinson was elected Vice-Chairwoman by a

unanimous vote of the members. Mr. Ranaldi was elected as Agency Secretary by a unanimous vote of the members.

Chairman Cote initiated a general discussion about the future of the project and the importance of having site control at some time in the process. Chairman Cote explained that funding agencies like to fund project that have site control.

Members than asked about funding for the agency for the upcoming budget year. Mr. Ranaldi explained that budget process and advised that the agency should prepare a budget and submit it as soon as possible. Ms. Panichas recommended that the agency should submit a budget of \$25,000. Mr. Ranaldi said he will bring a spreadsheet to the next meeting.

Members then discussed the agenda items for next meeting. They suggested to review the draft letter to the Federal Congressional representatives, update of the Procaccianti Group proposal, discuss the quarterly reporting requirements to the Town Council, and the LRA's authority to do activities.

Motion made to adjourn by member McMahon was seconded by member Kay. Motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m...

Respectfully submitted,

Albert V. Ranaldi, Jr. AICP

Recording Secretary